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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

Dear Sirs:

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, the rejection of claims 1-31 as being anticipated by DeSimone was maintained. In the Office Action, the Examiner asked how it is possible that DeSimone "could function without the servers interacting and forwarding/creating connection messages from one terminal to another." 9/6/02 Office Action at 2.

Note that in Applicant's prior Reply to Office Action, Applicant argued that DeSimone does not teach receiving, from a server *in a first community*, a request indicating a desired real-time, text-based messaging from a first terminal *coupled to a first community server* to a second terminal coupled to a server *in a second community*, in combination with processing the request, by the server *in the second community*, to establish a real-time text-based messaging session between the first and second terminals *through the first and second community servers*.

Although multiple servers are discussed in DeSimone, there is simply no teaching or suggestion

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